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Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the Official Action dated May 3, 2002. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph that begins on line 1 of page 11 with the following substitute paragraph:

fluorescent detection of eGFP); (D & E) shows the ability of peptide 5 to internalize eGFP in human islets at high magnification (D is a photomicrograph of the histologically stained cells and E shows the fluorescent detection of eGFP); and (F & G) shows the ability of peptide 5